



## **RESPONSE DURING DISASTER**

Knowing what to do during a disaster is a key part of preparing for one. Here are response activities that should take place during or shortly after a storm...with a look at everyone's role in the warning process...

- **You...Be a Force of Nature! Help Others.**
  - Assess medical needs. Evacuate, along with pets, to safe areas or shelters, if needed. Turn off gas or electricity if needed and it's safe to do so
  - Monitor television...radio to keep you informed of emergency orders
  - Initiate your Family Disaster Plan; use Disaster Supplies Kit if necessary
  - Report damage through an IDHS website if requested
- **The National Weather Service...**
  - Continues issuing warnings until the event has ended
  - Dispatches damage survey teams to assess tornado damage
  - Continues collecting Spotters reports of damage and tornado information
- **Indiana Department of Homeland Security...**
  - Expands emergency operations; coordinates multi-agency response
  - Deploys Incident Management Teams and resources to damage areas if local officials request
- **The American Red Cross...**
  - Deploys volunteers to provide assistance to the affected area(s)
  - Open shelters and provide food to those affected by the disaster
- **Local Officials and Emergency Responders...**
  - Locate and treat casualty victims and transport to hospitals
  - Remove debris from roads, restore communications and other services
- **The Media...**
  - Continues live broadcasts of warnings and damage reports
  - TV Meteorologists enhance details on locations threatened
  - News crews on the streets report live from damage areas

